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SUBJECT: REACTION ISRAEL-SYRIA

1. LEADING PAPERS FRONTPAGE SUCCESSFUL KISSINGER MISSION THURSDAY. SAMPLE HEADLINES: BERLINGSKE TIDENDE (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE), "PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST: TRIUMPH FOR KISSINGER"; POLITIKEN (RADICAL INDEPENDENT), USA'S PROMISES ARE BACKGROUND FOR CEASEFIRE; KISSINGER'S SOLUTION OF LAST DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN AGREEMENT"; AKTUELT (SOCAL DEMOCRAT), "KISSINGER SOLVED IT"; INFORMATION (INDEPENDENT LEFTIST), "ISRAEL AND SYRIA REACH AGREEMENT ON CEASEFIRE"; B.T. (INDEPENDENT TABLOID), "GOLDA MEIR GOT A KISS ON CHEEK (I.E., FROM KISSINGER) WHEN PEACE WAS ACHIEVED". KRISTELIGT DAGBLAD (INDEPENDENT, CHURCH-ORIENTED), "AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL-SYRIA; KISSINGER ACHIEVED UNITY ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL, EXCHANGE OF WAR PRISONERS, AND STATIONING 1250 UN SOLDIERS."

2. ALL STORIES LAUDATORY OF US ROLE IN CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT.

3. ONLY COMMENT THURSDAY IS LENGTHY FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN INFORMATION BY PRO-ARAB STAFFER. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:
QUOTE NOW IT FINALLY CAME, LONG EXPECTED OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ISRAEL AND SYRIA - THROUGH HENRY KISSINGER'S MEDIATION- HAVE AGREED ON SEPARATION OF THEIR FORCES AT GOLAN FRONT. RARELY HAS WORD MEDIATION HAD SUCH ENERGY - LOADED AND ACTIVE MEANING AS HERE.

WHEN AGREEMENT IS DESCRIBED AS "EXPECTED" IT IS SOMEWHAT LAUNTY,
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FOR WARRING PARTIES ACTUALLY HOLDING THEIR POSITIONS UNTIL VERY

LAST MINUTE. BUT KISSINGER WOULD HARDLY HAVE INVESTED SO MUCH OF HIS OWN PRESTIGE AND THAT OF U.S. IN MATTER IF THERE HAD NOT BEEN GOOD LIKELIHOOD OF RESULT..

AGREEMENT WILL IMMEDIATELY LIBERATE PART OF SYRIA FROM ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND ISRAELIS FROM SYRIAN WAR OF ATTRITION. SOME OF ARAB NON-RECOGNITION POLICY AND SOME OF ISRAELI PHILOSOPHY OF EXPANSION WILL ALSO BE PUT TO REST. BUT ALL PROBLEMS, AND PROBLEMS OF ALL, ARE NOT SOLVED...

BUT IF SYRIA CANNOT DIRECTLY PROMISE ISRAEL TO STOP ALL (PALESTINIAN)

PARTISAN ACTIVITY FROM ITS THEN 85. CAN GIVE ISRAEL SUCH PROMISE. THIS IS, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI RADIO, WHAT U.S. HAS DONE. SCEPTICS MAY SAY THAT DEMOCRATIC POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE WILL HARDLY TAKE ORDERS FROM WHITE HOUSE OR PENTAGON. BUT SUCH (U.S.) PROMISE WOULD SCARCELY BE GIVEN UNLESS KISSINGER HAD FIRST HAD VERY SERIOUS CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD. ANY ARAB-ISRAELI AGREEMENT-LIKE AGREEMENT ON SEPARATION OF TROOPS-MUST NECESSARILY CONTAIN PARTS WHICH ARE NOT SUITED FOR PUBLICATION.

PARTIES MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION EXTREMISTS ON BOTH SIDES. THUS U.S. HAS REPORTEDLY PROMISED ISRAEL TO INSPECT DEMILITARIZED ZONE BY PLANES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES. LIKEWISE SYRIA HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DISCREETLY PROMISED THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WILL LATER BECOME TOTAL - AND THAT PALESTINIANS WILL GET SEAT AT NEGOTIATION TABLE UNQUOTE. MUNSING

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